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COVERAGE OF VVIPS VISITS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for deputing officers with the reporting unit to cover foreign visits of VVIPs;

(b) whether no officer is sent from the Hindi news room of Akashwani to cover such visits; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to remedy the situation?

Answer

The MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (Smt. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a), (b) & (c): The Media Units depute officers to cover foreign visits of VVIPs in response to requests from Ministry of External Affairs (External Publicity Division)/ VVIP`s office. The officers are nominated keeping in view their knowledge and reporting skills and nature of the coverage required. Officers from Hindi News Unit have also been sent in the past to cover such visits.